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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES 50 JOBS FOR FORSYTH COUNTY

RALEIGH - Gov. Mike Easley today announced that Charter Medical, Ltd., a medical manufacturing company, will expand its Winston-Salem plant, creating 50 jobs and a \$600,000 investment. Charter Medical, Ltd. is consolidating the operations of its Lakewood, N.J. facility with its existing operations in Forsyth County.

"North Carolina's competitive edge is our willingness to invest in our workforce even during tough economic times," said Easley. "While other states are having to cut back, North Carolina is continuing to make great investments that will pay tremendous dividends and bring a much needed boost to the state's job market and tax base."

Charter Medical Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Lydall, Inc., is a manufacturer of specialty products designed to manage vital fluids in the blood and biopharmaceutical industries. Headquartered in Manchester, Conn., Charter Medical, Ltd. has 11 operations in the United States, including two in North Carolina. The company has manufacturing locations in Germany, France, Japan and Singapore and employs approximately 1,200 people worldwide.

"We are delighted to announce our expansion in North Carolina today," said Kevin Lynch, president of Lydall's Filtration/Separation Group. "This is an expression of our ongoing commitment to this community, and is consistent with Winston-Salem's desire to support businesses focused on the life-sciences industries."

Charter Medical, Ltd. has 72 employees working at its Winston-Salem plant and plans to expand the current facility. Construction on the plant will begin immediately.

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